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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to recent changes to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the listed U.S. Patent documents are not enclosed.

For a concise explanation of the relevance for the non-English documents JP-8-339106 and JP-2000-295411 the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstracts.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6,147,778	11/14/00	Yamada et al.	358	474	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
8-339106	12/24/96	Japan			Abstract
2000-295411	10/20/00	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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